CLASSIFICATION OFFICE DECISION

Title of publication:	c5c8ba2bc5f65c8785fe5...1m 20s.jpg
Other known title(s):	8-380759
OFLC ref:	1700478.000
Medium:	Computer Image File
Publisher:	Not stated
Country of origin:	Not stated
Language:	Japanese
Applicant:	Commissioner of Police
Classification:	Objectionable.
Descriptive note:	None
Display conditions:	None
Date of entry in Register:	13 September 2017
Date of direction to issue a label:	No direction to issue a label has been issued
Date of notice of decision:	12 September 2017

Summary of reasons for decision:

The computer image file is an illustration that depicts a young girl being sexually abused. It is deemed to be objectionable under s3(2)(a) of the Films, Videos, and Publications Classification Act 1993 (FVPC Act) because it promotes and supports the exploitation of children for sexual purposes. The only purpose of this image is for arousal and gratification, and it encourages and legitimises interest in the subject matter. The digital format allows the image to be easily disseminated among likeminded people. This classification interferes with the right to freedom of expression as provided by the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990. However, the classification is consistent with Parliament's intention that publications falling under s3(2) of the FVPC Act are deemed to be objectionable.